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Call 2-1-1 for Help after a Cybercrime



Dear Friends,

The Internet has transformed the way we live our lives. It enables us to bank online, shop from the comfort of our homes, and connect with friends and family around the world. While there are many benefits to living in a digitized society, it can also make us more vulnerable to cybercrimes like identity theft, financial fraud, and cyberstalking. Cybercrimes are on the rise, yet victims often don't know where to turn for help.

Thankfully, Rhode Island is leading the way to tackle this issue. With the assistance of \$282,600 in federal funding that I helped secure through the U.S. Department of Justice's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program, [Rhode Island has launched the first statewide cybercrime hotline](#) in the country. I was excited to host [an event](#) earlier this month to officially launch the hotline and help spread the word.

Managed through a partnership between the [Cybercrime Support](#)

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LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

Discuss the issues on your mind in a casual, one-on-one setting.

*June 22, 12:30 - 2:30pm
Twisted Pizza
567 S County Trail #107
Exeter*

Did You Know...?

PASSPORT TIPS

Traveling internationally this summer? Many countries require tourists to hold a passport that is valid six months after the date of their trip. >>

FAST FACT

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Learn more about the latest efforts to end Alzheimer's disease. >>

In Other News

MUELLER REPORT

Rep. Langevin issued a statement renewing his call for Director Mueller to testify before Congress following his first public

[Network](#), [United Way Rhode Island 2-1-1](#), and the [Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center \(BVAC\)](#), the hotline uses the state's existing 2-1-1 infrastructure to connect victims with trained operators who can assess the situation and place them in touch with organizations that can help. When someone becomes the target of theft, fraud, or exploitation, they can pick up the phone and dial "2-1-1" for assistance.

The need for us to address cybercrime is great. In 2018 alone, over 350,000 complaints from individuals and small businesses were filed with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) for monetary losses of over \$2.7 billion. However, I am optimistic that this new hotline will prove effective in providing much-needed support and recovery services and serve as a model for the rest of the country to follow.

To keep up with my ongoing work in the cyber realm, and for updates on many other issues, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Amazing Art

I recently hosted my annual [Congressional Art Competition](#), and it was my largest contest to date. A record 97 students participated from high schools across the district, and once again the quality of the artwork was top notch. Cranston High School West sophomore [Ella Rose took home first place](#) for her incredible graphite and colored pencil drawing entitled "Control." Ella will have the opportunity to fly down to Washington this month to see her drawing on display at the U.S. Capitol.



Rhode Island Heroes

It was a distinct honor to commemorate the incredible service of two Rhode Island heroes in May. I was pleased to [present the military decorations earned by Chief Warrant Officer Two James Bowen](#), a Narragansett resident, for his service in the Vietnam War. I also had the privilege of [participating in a ceremony](#) to dedicate the Saundertown Post Office in memory

statement. >>

STATE OF MIND

Rep. Langevin appeared on *Dan Yorke State of Mind* to discuss the Mueller report and the latest issues in Congress. >>

DEFENDING THE CLIMATE

Rep. Langevin voted to prohibit the Trump Administration from leaving the Paris Agreement on climate change. >>

PRESERVING HEALTH CARE

Rep. Langevin spoke in support of his amendment highlighting the negative impacts of the Trump Administration's attempts to undermine the Affordable Care Act on people with disabilities. >>

INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE

Rep. Langevin led a bipartisan letter to ensure funding for workforce development programs is included in any new infrastructure legislation. >>

PROTECTING ADOPTED CHILDREN

Rep. Langevin and Rep. Don Bacon of Nebraska's bipartisan proposal to protect adopted children from rehoming passed the House as part of the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. >>

STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY

of Army Captain Matthew J. August following the enactment of legislation that I led with my delegation colleagues.

Rep. Langevin praised the Trump Administration's Executive Order to expand the nation's cybersecurity workforce, which includes provisions similar to his *Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act*. >>

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